

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment and other supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that constructing transient boat and boater facilities which **will include site preparation, one-time dredging, shoreline protection and erosion control, security/safety lighting, 25 transient boat slips with associated utilities, service building with showers, laundry and supplies, landscaping, floating fuel building and sewage pumpout facilities as part of an overall upgrade at the existing City Marina which is located on the Mississippi River in the City of Fulton, Illinois in Whiteside County**, with federal funding support is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. Project development should have no impact on cultural resource or historic properties. (EA, page 15 and Appendix E)
2. The public review period for the EA generated no comments or concerns.
3. The project site is not a favorable environment for the Higgins Eye Pearly mussel due to the heavy silt load. Both the Phase I and Phase II Section 7 Evaluation forms have been completed.
4. The proposed development lies within the floodplain and is designed to withstand a flood event with minimal impacts (EA, page 17).
5. The sewage pumpout and fuel facilities will be located on a fuel/pumpout dock. Equipment will be installed and monitored to meet applicable requirements for such facilities (EA, page 5)
6. All facilities will be ADA accessible.

Supporting References:

1. Supplemental Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, ROD dated 04-17-95
2. Section 7 Phase I and Phase II Evaluations
3. Environmental Assessment
4. Grant Proposal Program Narrative

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